

35 Sub 43 13. (Amended) An internally threaded fastener assembly comprising:  
an internally threaded fastener; and  
a base having a washer portion, a standoff portion extending from the washer portion, and a retaining skirt portion extending integrally from the washer portion and capturing the fastener rotatably in assembly with the base.

Sub 44 26. (Amended) A fastener kit comprising:  
a stemmed washer having a washer portion, a standoff portion integral with the washer portion, and a retaining portion integral with the washer portion;  
an internally threaded fastener disposed adjacent to the washer portion and retained rotatably within assembly with the stemmed washer by the retaining portion; and  
an externally threaded fastener which mates with the internally threaded fastener.

36 27. (Amended) A fastened joint comprising:  
a stemmed washer having a washer portion, a standoff portion integral with the washer portion, and a retaining portion integral with the washer portion;  
an internally threaded fastener disposed adjacent to the washer portion and retained rotatably within assembly with the stemmed washer by the retaining portion;  
an externally threaded fastener which mates with the internally threaded fastener, the externally threaded fastener including a head; and  
a compressible substrate joined between the standoff portion and the head of the externally threaded fastener.